

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

DERÉ NEWMAN, et al.

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**EXTENSION POLE WITH TOOL LOCK
AND RETRACTION DAMPENER**

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Customer No.: 23589

Examiner: KYLE, Michael

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of September 26, 2006, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.